

DELTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Delta County Service Center
Monday August 2, 2021

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Williams.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call. Member(s) present: Christine Williams, John Malnar, John Denholm, Gary Plante, Renee Barron, Dave Moyle, and Randy Scott.
- IV. Approval of the June 7, 2021 minutes.
Motion to approve made by Dave Moyle and seconded by John Malnar. Vote: Yes-7 No-0. Motion carried.
- V. Approval of agenda.
Motion to approve made by Dave Moyle and seconded by Randy Scott. Vote: Yes-7 No-0. Motion carried.
- VI. Public Comment. None
- VII. Declaration of Conflict of Interest.
 1. Renee Barron stated that she is involved in a contract with Invenergy and asked the PC to decide if this is a conflict.
 2. John Denholm suggested that if money is involved in contract that Renee should not be part of future discussions.
 3. Chris asked Renee if she would be okay with sitting out the discussion, she consented.
- VIII. New Business.
September 6th meeting date is rescheduled for Wednesday September 15th at 5:30 p.m.
- IX. Unfinished Business: Solar Ordinance Draft
 - Chris went over the Solar Subcommittee report which included the process; public participation which included written, meetings, phone and email; types of input; research and education; and ordinances reviewed.
 - Chris went over a PowerPoint presentation which included the scale of solar installations; solar energy overlay district (also effective for renewal projects such as Biomass and Wind); clearing forest for solar is prohibited; industrial scale solar installations (very long-term implications, 25-40 years); industrial scale solar (PA116 land); taxes (check with municipality for possible tax change); and the next steps (PC review, edits/changes, public hearing, County Board).

- Randy has been working with ATC on a overlay for GIS (signed and submitted). Discussed AutoCAD maps and overlay, how it coordinates power lines/poles (3-mile swath follow transmission lines), bands put in separate places where it will work and will not (effective for no other land use), and will make our job to define later easier.
- Chris commented on the Draft, that all definitions are new to the Zoning Ordinance, it will define the new district, and that large and industrial solar will have same requirements. Draft is not complete, “?” will have data entered when received.
- Emily stated that the Board will also need a public hearing which includes a 45-day comment period.
- All commissioners agreed to push public hearing to October 4, 2021 and to review and have discussion at the September 15th meeting.
- Completed copy of Draft needs to be online and available for viewing in Building & Zoning on Saturday September 18, 2021.

X. Correspondence. None

XI. Public Comment.

1. Anne Okonkel, when will Draft and maps be available? Maps, some may not know where ATC lines are. How many comments were received?
 - Randy said the written part will be done right away, but the maps will not be available until the end of the year.
 - Chris said they received 36-38 responses from a wide range of people/areas. Approximately 25 were written comments received on website.
2. Dottie (CUPPAD) commended PC for going over this issue; that there was so much thought put into solar and sustainable districts; really awesome; and a lot of thought.
3. Emily praised PC; good job, kept pushing along and appreciate efforts.
4. Dave said a lot of work in this and thank you.
5. Chris said it was a team effort.

XII. Board Member Comments. None

XIII. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. made by Dave Moyle and seconded by Randy Scott.